

# The Recology RESOURCE

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INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL EN EL INTERIOR



Did you know the amount of waste created during the holiday season (from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day) increases between 25-43%? You can decrease waste by rethinking gifts and decor this holiday season. What does

that look like exactly? It can be as simple as looking for resale, repair, repurpose, and refill options instead of buying something new! Explore the treasures of a local thrift or antique store, or perhaps a loved one has a special item that needs to be repaired. These types of gifts are often very meaningful. Local nonprofit, Reuse Alliance, maintains a directory of reuse practitioners and hosts repair fairs. Learn more at their website [ReuseAlliance.org](https://ReuseAlliance.org).

*¿Sabías que la cantidad de residuos generados durante los días festivos (desde el Día de Acción de Gracias hasta el Día de Año Nuevo) aumenta entre un 25-43%? Puede disminuir el desperdicio reevaluando los regalos y la decoración en esta temporada navideña. ¿Cómo se ve eso exactamente? ¡Puede ser tan simple como buscar opciones de reventa, reparación, reutilización y recarga en lugar de comprar algo nuevo! Explore los tesoros de una tienda de antigüedades o de segunda mano local, o tal vez un ser querido tenga un artículo especial que necesita ser reparado. Este tipo de obsequios suelen ser muy significativos. La organización local sin fines de lucro,*

**THIS IS REUSE**



*Reuse Alliance, mantiene un directorio de profesionales de la reutilización y organiza ferias de reparación. Obtenga más información en su sitio web [ReuseAlliance.org](https://ReuseAlliance.org).*

Learn what happens to your recyclables after your blue cart! Scan the QR code or visit [Recology.com/rsmMRF](https://Recology.com/rsmMRF) to tour our Materials Recovery Facility virtually.



SEE OUR MRF VIRTUALLY!

CAN'T MAKE A TOUR?

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WASTE ZERO



# Holiday Information

## TREE RECYCLING RECICLAJE DE ÁRBOLES



NO FLOCKED TREES

Curbside collection of holiday trees will take place Jan 6th - 10th on your service day. After these dates, trees can be cut to fit inside your green cart, with stakes removed, for collection on your regular service day. **Drop-off available:** Cotati Fire Station at 1 East Cotati Ave, Dec 26th - Jan 17th.

La recolección de árboles navideños en la acera se llevará a cabo del 6 al 10 de enero el día de su servicio. Después de estas fechas, los árboles se pueden cortar para que quepan dentro de su carrito verde, quite las estacas de metal, para ser recolectados durante su día de recolección regular. **Entrega disponible:** Estación de bomberos de Cotati en 1 East Cotati Ave, del 26 de diciembre al 17 de enero.



## FESTIVE FOOD COMIDA FESTIVA

California law requires food scraps and food soiled paper products to stay out of your garbage cart. Kitchen pails make it easy to transport compostable items to your green cart. Line your pail with newspaper, keep liquids to a minimum, and rinse it regularly to avoid odors.

La ley de California exige que los restos de comida y los productos de papel contaminados con alimentos no lleguen al carrito de basura. Los cubos de cocina facilitan el transporte de artículos compostables a su carrito ecológico. Cubra su cubo con periódico, mantenga el líquido al mínimo y enjuáguelo regularmente para evitar olores.



## THE PURPLE CUP EL VASO MORADO

This cup is part of the Petaluma Reusable Cup Project, a first-in-the-nation initiative that made reusable cups the default option at participating businesses across the city. Recology has been a proud partner of this groundbreaking initiative, which is wrapping up in early November. Learn more about the pilot project and find your nearest purple bin for a final cup return at [ReturnMyCup.com](http://ReturnMyCup.com).

Este vaso es parte del Proyecto de Vasos Reutilizables de Petaluma, una iniciativa pionera en el país que hizo de los vasos reutilizables la opción predeterminada en las empresas participantes en toda la ciudad. Recology ha sido un socio orgulloso de esta iniciativa innovadora, que finalizará a principios de noviembre. Obtenga más información sobre el proyecto piloto y encuentre el contenedor morado más cercano para la devolución final de su vaso en [ReturnMyCup.com](http://ReturnMyCup.com).



## BEST PRACTICE MEJOR PRÁCTICA



### Keep bike lanes clear No bloquear carriles de bici

Move carts to the curb for safe bicyclist passage. *Mueva los carritos a la acera para que los ciclistas puedan pasar con seguridad.*



### Move your car Mueva su automóvil

Move your car before sweep day to allow space for the sweeper truck. Check your sweep day at [Recology.com/Cotati](http://Recology.com/Cotati). *Mueva su automóvil el día de barrido para dejar espacio para el camión barredor. Consulte su día de barrido en [Recology.com/Cotati](http://Recology.com/Cotati).*



### Don't pile leaves No amontone hojas

Leaves should be placed in your green cart, not piled on streets where they can clog storm drains. *Las hojas deben colocarse en su carrito verde, no amontonarse en las calles donde pueden obstruir los desagües pluviales.*

## ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS ESCUELAS CERO BASURA

We sat down with Lisa Clarke, founder of Sustainable Marin Schools, to learn more about the resounding success of her sustainability programs in Novato schools. Below is an excerpt, read the full article to learn how to bring it to a school near you at [Recology.com/Recology\\_News/Zero-Waste-Schools/](http://Recology.com/Recology_News/Zero-Waste-Schools/).

Clarke's approach centers on fostering a sense of responsibility in students. "The thing I love about the kids is they care and they see results and they make conclusions on their own," she says. By involving students in every aspect of the programs, Sustainable Marin Schools is cultivating a generation of environmentally conscious citizens who are equipped to tackle the challenges of the future.

Clarke is eager to share her insights and experiences with other parents and school staff looking to embark on their own sustainability journeys. Her tips include: 1. Engage school staff by getting buy-in from key people; 2. engage students through presentations or by being present at lunchtime; 3. think Long-Term by developing self sustaining programs; 4. embrace a "Can-Do" attitude and don't be deterred by lack of resources or experience.

## HOLIDAY SERVICE SERVICIO DE DIAS FESTIVOS



There will be no service on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's Day. Service will be delayed by one day for these holidays. You can check your holiday service schedule at [Recology.com/RSMschedules](http://Recology.com/RSMschedules).

No habrá servicio el Día de Acción de Gracias, Navidad o Año Nuevo. El servicio se retrasará un día durante estos días festivos. Puedes consultar tu horario de servicio festivo en [Recology.com/RSMschedules](http://Recology.com/RSMschedules).

### HOLIDAY SERVICE DISRUPTIONS IN 2025

- Independence day, July 4th 2025 | **No Service, 1 day delay**
- Labor day, Sept 1st, 2025 | **No Service, 1 day delay**
- Thanksgiving, Nov 27th, 2025 | **No Service, 1 day delay**

WED	THUR
12/25 No Service Christmas Day	12/26 Service for Wed Customer
1/1 No Service New Year's Day	1/2 Service for Wed Customer

Etc. to Sat

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Batteries can go in a sealed clear plastic bag ON TOP of your blue cart to be properly recycled.

# Hazardous Waste *Residuos Peligrosos*



Do not dispose of household hazardous waste in the garbage, recycle, or compost carts. HHW is extremely dangerous to sanitation workers and must be disposed of properly. Zero Waste Sonoma has several options for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Visit **ZeroWasteSonoma.gov** or call **707.565.3375** to learn more.

*No ponga los residuos domésticos peligrosos en en los contenedores de basura, reciclaje o compostaje. Es extremadamente peligroso para los*

*trabajadores de saneamiento, y deben ser eliminados adecuadamente. Zero Waste Sonoma tiene varias opciones para la eliminación adecuada de los residuos domésticos peligrosos. Visite ZeroWasteSonoma.gov o llame al 707.565.3375 para obtener más información.*

## HOLIDAY TIP



Dispose of holiday lights as e-waste, do not place in the blue cart.



## Recycle



✓ METALS ✓ GLASS



✓ PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS, AND JUGS



✓ CLEAN PAPER PRODUCTS, CARTONS, AND CARDBOARD

Looking to properly recycle a mattress, tires, carpet, or e-waste? Check out Conservation Corps North Bay's new drop off location in Santa Rosa, at 3555 Airway Drive. Find out more at [ccnorthbay.org](http://ccnorthbay.org).

## Compost



✓ FOOD SCRAPS



✓ PLANT TRIMMINGS



✓ UNCOATED SOILED PAPER AND WOODEN UTENSILS

## Landfill



✓ SINGLE USE PLASTICS



✓ COFFEE CUPS ✓ PET WASTE



✓ "COMPOSTABLE" PLASTIC



✓ STYROFOAM™

### ⊘ UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Hazardous or electronic waste
- Ceramics, glassware
- Single-use plastics
- Clothes, bedding
- Coffee cups
- Styrofoam
- Food & liquids

- Plastic & plastic bags
- PPE & Medical Waste
- Pet waste, diapers & toilet paper
- Recyclables
- Hazardous or electronic waste

No "compostable" plastic bags in residential carts

- Dirt, rock, concrete
- Hazardous waste
- Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
- Electronics
- Medications, sharps
- Food & liquids
- Plant trimmings
- Recyclables

